

Floyd Petersen, Mayor Karen Hansberger, Mayor pro tempore Robert Christman, Councilmember Stan Brauer, Councilmember Robert Ziprick, Councilmember

COUNCIL AGENDA:

April 13, 2004

TO:

City Council

VIA:

Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Proclamation declaring April 25-May 1 as Infant Immunization

Week and the month of May as Toddler Immunization month



## CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION

## April 25 – May 1, 2004 INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK May 2004 TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH

WHEREAS, non-immunized or under-immunized infants and young children are vulnerable to dangerous, vaccine-preventable illnesses like pertussis (whooping cough), pneumonia and influenza; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "Immunizations Protect Little Lungs – Stop the Cough", the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health encourages vaccines such s DTaP, PCV7 and the influenza vaccine that protect healthy lungs; and

WHEREAS, whooping cough, which can cause severe coughing, brain damage and even death in unprotected infants and small children, sickens many children every year, with over a thousand cases in 2003 in California and 22 cases in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States the bacteria streptococcus pneumoniae, causes approximately 200 deaths among children under the age of 2, 700 cases of meningitis, 17,000 cases of blood stream infections, and 5 million cases of ear infections in children under the age of 5; and

WHEREAS, infants between the age of 6 and 23 months have the same complication rates from the flu as senior citizens and therefore benefit from receiving annual flu shots; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health provides low cost, walk-in immunization clinics for all children where they can get shots that protect their lungs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, recognize

April 25 – May 1 as Infant Immunization Week and

The Month of May as Toddler Immunization Month

and urge all businesses, government agencies, community based organizations and service groups, as well as the residents of Loma Linda to become partners in the health of our children and work to ensure that all children receive early and on time immunizations.

SIGNED this 13th day of April 2004.